## SAVED FROM THEATRE PANIC.

PROCTOR'S AUDIENCE OF 1.700 WAS OUT IN 6 MINUTES.

Half the Building Afre and Everything to Encourage a Stampede Like That in Chicago, but a Watchful Cop Prevented It-Just One Fireman Hurt.

The second act of "A Rose o' Plymouth Town" was on in Proctor's 125th Street Theatre at 9:15 o'clock last night. The stage showed the porch and garden of Miles Standisk, the captain of Plymouth. Seventeen hundred persons were in the

theatre, their attention all on the play. A spiral of smoke curled slowly up from a window of the fifth floor of the other half of the theatre building, used for offices and the storage of scenery. A red tongue of flame licked out. In three seconds more the upper floors were roaring with fire.

Policeman Thomas S. Teeven of the Fast 128th station, standing on the corner of 125th street and Park avenue, talking with a friend, glanced east along 125th street toward Lexington avenue. He was about to turn away when he saw the thin trail of smoke twisting out of that window in the theatre building. He started forward on the run, and as he did the smoke was followed by a sheet of flame that ran all along the top floor of the building.

Half way down the block were Detective Sergeants Joseph Meehan and Shea. even grabbed them.

"Good God!" said Teeven to him. "Proctor's Theatre's afire and the house is packed like a box of sardines. Meehan, you turn in an alarm; Shea, you telephone for Capt. McNally to get here quick with all the men he can pick up."

Meehan and Shea sprinted for telephones Teeven ran across the street into the theatre obby. There Manager H. Brunelle of the theatre was calmly smoking a cigar. The cop caught him and dragged him into the box office. The cigar dropped from Brunelle's lips and he was all action.

The whole upper half of this house is a mass of flames," said Teeven. "We've got to get these people out quick. Get busy, for God's sake! I'll have help here

Brunelle kept his head cool. He touched an electric button. That button rang bells that tinkled wherever an usher or attendant was stationed. The ringing, just loud enough for the theatre employees, but not for the audience to hear, meant "Fire. Every man to his place." It was the fire drill

man to his place." It was the fire drill that had been practised, and now was needed in deadly earnest.
"You and what men you've got hold the doors. My place is inside," Brunelle said to Teeven, and he ran into the main entrance. Just then Mechan and Shea, back from giving the alarms, entered the lobby. The three cops stepped inside the theatre and set their broad backs against the doors.

Brunelle walked swiftly but calmly around the side of the orohestra floor until he reached the first box on the lower tier. No one in the audience noticed him. The attention of the audience was all on the

The house was so crowded that there was an elbow against every rib. Every seat was taken and people were standing in the rear of the house. On the stage Paul McAllister, who takes the part of to Adelaide Kelm who is Rose de la Noye in the play. E. L. Snader and Estelle Earle who are Capt. Miles Standish and Barbara Standish were watching the lovers from the porch of the Standishs' cottage. Manager Brunelle stepped to the front of the box. At the same moment the asbestos curtain came down. The orchesta began to play "The Rose o' Plymouth Town."

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the man-ager, speaking in a voice that penetrated every corner of the theatre, but had no note of alarm in it, "there is a fire in the building next door. There is not the slightest cause for alarm, so every man, woman and child must keep his seat. Must keep his seat, you understand! You will all get out safely and quickly."

At first no one in the theatre seemed to realize what was said. Nearly everybody stared stupidly at the little man is the box. The actors paused and moved to

the footlights. Then a woman in the balcony screamed A small boy in the gallery yelled "Fire!" and tense nerves began to give way. In the rear of the orchestra floor a rush for the door began. In the front of the house

no cae moved. At that instant the big doors swung open and Police Capt. McNally, at the head of fifteen policemen, appeared. The detail split, a third running down each aisle until they had the whole floor commanded. McNally ran to the footlights and waved his stick, calling out in a voice like the

roar of a bull: "Keep your seats! If anybody in this house starts a stampede I'll knock his head off! The first man or woman that tries a rush for the door will be smashed

with a club." All over the house the captain's blunt warning was repeated by his men. The incipient panic was stamped out like a flash. People who had started affrightedly from their seats sank back and watched the

Paul McAllister, the leading man, leaned over the footlights.

"There is no danger," said McAllister absolutely none. Show that you're made of the right kind of stuff, you people."

Quicker than it takes to tell it, the attendants had opened the exits and cleared the sisles. McNally's men had gone to the gallery and bascony, too, and the herding of the audience into the street began. No clubs were needed for a single panicstricken person. With scarcely any crowding or jostling, the crowd poured out, the police holding everybody in line, and in six minutes from the time that Policeman I ceven had warned Manager Brunelle the

house was as bare as a bone. After the audience got into the street it was different. Many had lost hats, coats, hatelaines and other articles. Several omen became hysterical, and fought with the policemen to get back into the theatre and recover a new spring hat, a bos or a

Meantime the first engine companies were fighting the blaze desperately. Batalion Chief Callahan sprang up a fire esape and worked a hose himself until pearly

xhausted by fatigue and overcome by we ke. A third and fourth alarm brought additional help, and then the fire was quickly he building not occupied by the theatre.
Fireman Edward Page was the only
person injured. Fage, like Callahan, fought
the blaze from a fire escape. The heat

was so fleroe that he was overcome and burned badly about the hands when handed

down by his mates.

Proctor's Theatre occupies half of the five story brick building at 112 to 116 East 125th street. In days gone by it used to be called the Columbus Theatre. It was the second theatre that Oscar Hammerstein built. The half which was partially destroyed by fire was separated from the theatre proper by a three foot fire wall. On the second floor of the burned half the Harlem Credit Association had its offices. Max Lavine is manager of the concern, and when he got to the building last night and saw the flames he made a dash for his office.

"My money and papers are in there. I must have them," he yelled to the police-man, who caught him. Lavine jerked himself away, ran into the building and reappeared in a few seconds carrying a tin

box. He disappeared in the crowd, smiling. On the ground floor was a moving picture exhibit. The London Needle Company occupied the third floor. The fourth and fifth lofts were used by the Proctor company for storing scenery and properties It was there the fire started; nobody knows how. It may have been from spontaneous combustion in the very inflammable material. The theatre people do not venture a theory.

The progress of the blaze was remarkably rapid. After enveloping the upper floors it worked downward, gutting the interior of that half of the building. Only the three foot fire wall kept the flames from the theatre itself, but the fire wall stood the test.

The damage was estimated by the theatre people and the firemen at about \$25,000. Slight damage was done in the lobby and auditorium of the theatre by water and moke.

Proctor's announced that the theatre will be open to-day and that there will be no interruption in the run of "The Rose of Plymouth Town." While the fire was going on George Cor-

win of 2085 Lexington avenue tried to force his way through the fire lines. He was arrested. Paul Lindenthal of 435 Central Park West got into a fight with Oscar Streif-fer of 617 East 138th street, and Paul was ocked up for assault.

When it was all over and people drew a ong breath of relief everybody had a good word for the police and the firemen.

#### NOT TO WED MISS WORTHINGTON. The Engagement of John Brisben Walker's

Son Broken Off. TARRETOWN, N. Y., May 6 .- Mrs. Charles C. Worthington announced this afternoon that the engagement of her daughter, Miss Julia, to Justin C. Walker, a son of John Brisben Walker, had been broken by mutual consent and that the invitations had been recalled. Miss Worthington and Mr. Walker had been engaged for about two years and were to have been married

on May 21. The invitations were sent out only a few days ago. Mrs. Worthington would not talk further on the subject except to say that the engagement was broken on Wednesday. Justin Walker could not be seen, but one of his brothers acknowledged that the engagement was broken and referred for any other information to Mrs.

Worthington. made and the young couple had rented a house in Sunnyside Park. Miss Worthington had selected her bridesmaids, and one is now on the ocean, having sailed a few days ago to arrive here in time for the wedding. The breaking off of the engagement came as a surprise. It was said in Irvington to-day that the main reason for Miss Worthington breaking the engagement was that of late Mr. Walker's disposition had displeased her, and as he did not change she broke the engagement rather than

have an unhappy marriage. Miss Worthington is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Worthington, and is 21 years old. She is popular in the younger society set and has taken a promnent part in important social functions She is a fine golfer and an expert chauffeur.

## NO BASEBALL FOR CO-EDS,

At Least, Not on U. of P. Campus, Where a Mixed Game Was Played Yesterday.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8 .- University of ennsylvania co-eds who want to play paseball must not do so on the college ampus. This was the decision reached o-day by the university authorities, and the bursar notified the police to break up all such games.

It has been a custom for the students to hold daily baseball games on the campus, but to-day was the first time the girls took hand. As there were not enough of the boys to make up the two teams, two of the co-eds students were added. Later three more girls "signed," and all were placed n the field.

The news spread and in a short time here was a crowd of cheering students. Each play, or misplay, in which the gentler sex had a part was applauded long and loud, and pandemonium finally broke loose when one of the stalwart co-eds knocked a two-bagger into Woodland avenue.

But the attention of the faculty had been attracted and the result was the prohibition

### PRIESTS IN POLITICS.

The Pope Gives His Views on Their Duty

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUR.

PARIS, May 6.—Bishop Lacroix has sent circular letter to the clergy of his diocese giving an account of an interview had by him with the Pope, at which they discus the question of the clergy participating in

lectoral conflicts. The Pope strongly deprecated priests encrosching upon the independence of electors by trying to influence their votes pefore an election or reproaching them for the manner in which they voted.

He said that nothing could be more laudable than for a priest himself to vote according to his conscience, but if unhappily he rushes into an electoral fray he soon loses the esteem and sympathy necessary for the fruitful exercise of his spiritual mission. This rule not only applies to Italian priests, but to the clergy of all countries in which there is universal suf-

Parlor Cars Between New York and Point

Parier Cars Between New York and Point Pleasant,
Via Pennsyivania Railroad.
Beginning May 9th, parior cars will be attached to trains leaving New York at 855 A. M. and 3:28 P. M., returning on trains leaving Point Pleasant at 7:55 A. M. and 1:35 P. M.—Adt.

HEIR TO A MILLION BANKRUPT

J. CAMPBELL SMITH'S CHIEF CREDITOR HIS WIFE.

Files a Petition in Bankruptey Admitting Debts to Jewellers, Furriers and Auto Repairers-Pots His Liabilities at \$50,000-Blames Sully Fallure.

J. Campbell Smith, who inherited more than \$1,000,000 from his great-uncle, Augustine Smith, in January, 1897, and who has kept a city and town house since, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday. The slump in cotton which brought about the failure of Daniel J. Sully and unfortunate dealings in Amalgamated Copper are said by Mr. Smith's friends to be the

causes for his failure. Mr. Smith began to show evidences of a failing income a little more than a month ago. His city home was at 29 West Sixtyninth street. There he kept eighteen servants, and there are only a couple of them left. Yesterday a moving van began to cart furniture from the house, which is said to belong to his wife and which is in the market. Mr. Smith bought the house three or four years ago for \$58,000.

Mr. Smith kept an elaborate stable, with everal horses, a coachman and a footman and an automobile. He has done away with all these it was said last night. At the Sixty-ninth street house it was said that Mr. Smith would move to-day to Orange N. J., for the summer, although his country nome has been at Bay Shore, L. I.

Mr. Smith, who is about 36 years old, was a paper salesman when his granduncle died. Mr. Smith is a descendant of Augustine Smith, who was president of the William and Mary College in Virginia. and he is remotely related to ex-Judge Roger A. Pryor. When Judge Pryor heard last night that Mr. Smith was a bankrupt,

"I am surprised and distressed. If you had asked me this morning as to my opinion of Mr. Smith's financial standing, should have said over \$1,000,000."

After his grand-uncle's death Mr. Smith became a partner in the firm of E. S. Ryder t Co. and two years later he joined the firm of Augustine J. Smith & Co., paper merchants at 182 Nassau street. It is said that he retired from the firm on Feb. 1, last, although at the office of the firm it was declared yesterday that he had not been a partner for a long time and there was nothing to be said about the cause of his bankruptcy. Mr. Smith's liabilities are put at \$48,516.

His assets consist of 3,150 shares of stock of the Chelses Paper Manufacturing Company of no value, a quarter interest in two lots at Hastings, N. Y., a possible rever-sionary interest in the estate of Richard . Smith, value unknown, and a remainder interest in one quarter of the residuary estate of John Campbell, value unknown. Mr. Smith's interest in these two estates

dependent on his survivorship. His debts are many and his oreditors include jewellers, clothiers, furriers, har-ness and dry goods dealers.

These jewellers are his oreditors: Tif-fany & Co., for \$1,927; G. H. Squire, \$2,889; Black, Starr & Frost, \$1,796; Theodore B. Starr, \$3,225, and Schumann's Sons, \$700. To C. C. Shayne & Co. he owes \$2,165 and to C. G. Gumher's Sons \$245 for furs. For dry goods he owes \$2,051, divided among 2011, while he is in debt also for books, pictures, silverware, flowers, chinaware, coal, confectionery, plumbing, fruit and shoes. He also owes \$940 for the repair and storage of his automobile. He was a member of the Olympic Club at Bay Shore and he

owes \$213 for dues. Mr. Smith says in his bankruptcy petition that his largest creditor is Amy F. Smith, to whom he owes \$25,000 for borrowed money. Mr. Smith's wife was Amy F. Smith. They have three children.

Mr. Smith was interested in other enterprises aside from the paper business. He was treasurer of the Automatic Lubricator Company, president of the Roasted Oats Company and a director of the Stuyvesant Company, publishers.

#### ESCAPED ON AN ENGINE. Flight of a Fereman Whom Seventy La-

borers Wanted to Kill, ST. Louis, May 6 .- Edward Brendle, foreman of a Wabash construction gang at Edwardsville, saved himself from death at the hands of about seventy railroad laborers by taking refuge in the cab of a locomotive. The engineer turned on the steam and distanced the mob.

Brendle discharged one of a gang of laborers, and his fellow employees demanded his reinstatement. Brendle refused, and the laborars made a rush for him, armed with knives and revolvers. Brendle ran to Staunton, a mile away, pursued by the

A freight engine stood on the siding. and the nearly exhausted foreman climbed into the cab and told the engineer the situa tion. Full head of steam was put on, and the engine ran to Litchfield, where Brendle was secreted, the mob having followed him to that place.

Policemen armed with Winchesters are now at the scene of trouble.

### BAKERS RIOT IN CHICAGO. Bread Is Scarce and a Pie Famine Is Im-

CHICAGO, May 6. - Striking bakers reached the riot stage in their struggle for higher wages early to-day. Scores of strike sympathizers surrounded the H. Piper Company bakery, Wells street and North avenue, and attempted to destroy the delivery wagons.

Twenty-five wagons were in the barn. A dash was made by the drivers, but the mob stopped their progress by a fierce onelaught. Bricks and stones, clubs and stoks rained upon the wagons. Hiding behind the covers of the wagons the drivers, who are union men, made desperate efforts to escape from the mob. Police from the Chicago avenue station were hastily summoned. They charged the mob, which soon dispersed.

A pie famine is threatened in the city, as all the bakers are devoting their attention to the more profitable work of baking bread.

In spite of statements that the strike has not been effective, the bakers seem to have done considerable damage. Bread is scarce in all parts of the city. Many of the strikers are employed in union shops, but there they cannot turn out so many loaves as they did in the big bakeshops. A dash was made by the drivers, but the

SEE THE WORLD'S FAIR IN MAY.

Fun, Fiction, Good Humar and Pine Pictures in the Tribune's new 20-page Sunday Mogasine. Order it at once. Adm.

WOMAN HELD FOR FORGERY. BLISS READY TO BE CHAIRMAN Breach of Faith by City Official, Her Lawyer Says.

A young woman who said that she was Olive M. Garrett, but refused to give her address, was arrested late yesterday after noon by Detective Sergeants Peabody and Clarke. She was taken to Police Headquarters and later was locked up in the Mercer street station, where there is a prison for women.

The charge against the young woman is forgery, and she was arrested on a warrant issued by Magistrate Moss in the Tombs police court.

Justice Wyatt of Special Sessions ac cepted bail for the young woman late last night. The bail was given by her mother, Mrs. May A. Garrett, who said she lived in 256th street, The Bronx. According to the warrant the complainant against Miss Garrett is Walter H. Stearns of 256 Broadway.

John G. Snyder, a lawyer with offices a 258 Broadway, appeared for Miss Garrett at the station house when she was released. When questioned concerning the case he

"This is a matter that we hoped to keep from being made public. This girl is inno cent of any wrongdoing, and her arrest is a breach of good faith on the part of a high official in this city."

CANNON'S TWO TRUNKS LOST. Speaker Says His Vice-Presidential Boom - Is in One of 'Em.

CHICAGO, May 6 .- The Cannon Vice Presidential boom and two of the Speaker's trunks are lost. "Uncle Joe" himself is authority for this statement.

Speaker Cannon, before leaving Chicago this afternoon for his home in Danville, discovered that his two trunks were gone. Search of the Auditorium baggage room, inquiries at the railroad station and the transfer office failed to uncover a clew as to their whereabouts. As he was hurrying away he was asked about the political

"Not a word," answered the Speaker. with emphasis. Then he added: "I've lost my two trunks. That Vice-Presidential

boom is in one of them."

Speaker Cannon indulged in a few adjectives, then smiled at the thought of the loss of the Vice-Presidential boom and proceeded on his way.

DANVILLE, May 6.—When Mr. Cannon arrived here the citizens turned out and gave him a rousing reception home.

11 KILLED IN TEXAS TORNADO. Later Reports Expected to Double the

Number-Live Stock Injured.

Dallas, Tex., May 6.—The tornado in morthwest Texas last night killed Mrs.

Mary Wagley, her daughter, and Anna and
George Anthony at Moran. A dozen are
seriously injured. At Putnam one man
was killed and one woman injured. A negro's cabin was swept into the Brazos River, five miles above the Texas and Pacific erossing, and three negre men were drowned.

A work train was blown from the railroad tracks near Creson and two negro labor-ers were drowned. About twenty houses were wrecked at Moran and half a dozen

at Putnam. Hundreds of head of live stock are re ported killed in Shackleford and adjoining counties and crops are seriously injured by rain, wind and hail.

two trains collided and Conductor Austin and Fireman Armstrong were killed. The telegraph service is still badly crippled and reports are incomplete, but it is be lieved that the lives lost in isolated places will swell the total to twenty.

A report received this afternoon says that a cyclone near Cordell, Okla., just north of the Texas line, has wrecked much property and that two lives were lost. Railroad property has suffered heavily

in the northwestern Texas storm area. Wesley Shurlock, 14 years old, was killed at Sunset, in Wise county.

#### COLORADO FOR ROOSEVELT. Welcott Rules and the National Administration is Indersed.

DENVER, May 8 .- As the result of recent conferences between the President and ex-Senator Wolcott, the Republican State convention to-day was both harmonious and enthusiastic. Mr. Wolcott presided, the platform was adopted and the delegates elected by unanimous vote. The proceedings indicated the purpose of the party leaders to preserve harmony until

the presidental campaign is ended.

The platform indorses the President and praises Gov. Peabody for his course during the labor troubles. It approves the Panama Canal programme and favors continuance of the protective policy. The delegates were instructed to vote for Roosevelt at Chicago, first, last and all the time.

They are: E. O. Wolcott, chairman; Gov. J. H. Peabody, Judge N. W. Dixon, Thomas F. Walsh A. M. Ste ver son and S. S. Downer, all at large; Fi rst district, W. B. Miner, John W. Springer; Second district, C. F. Caswell, C. C. Dawson. None of the prominent leaders of the a nti-Wokott faction is on

#### LIMIT ON LOSS BY THEFT. Maurice Wormser Gets but \$250 for the Theft of His \$5,000 Pin.

Maurice S. Wormser, the banker, who lives at 14 East Sixty-second street, took out a \$6,000 burglary insurance policy in the General Accident Assurance Corporation, Limited, on Dec. 2, 1902, to run for one year. On Feb. 6, 1903, a \$5,000 scarf pin was stolen from his house and he put in a claim under his policy. There were two clauses in the policy, one limiting the

two clauses in the policy, one limiting the total liability on jewelry to \$1,000, and another making \$250 the total liability on any one piece of jewelry.

Mr. Wormser's lawyers contended that the \$1,000 clause could be so read as to make the company liable to that extent on a single piece of jewelry, regardless of the second clause. The company denied this, and the controversy was submitted, on an agreed statement of facts, to the Appellate Division. That court handed down a unanimous opinion yesterday upholding the company's contention and granting Mr. Wormser judgment for \$250 with costs and interest.

A New Kind of a Snake Story. SUPPOLE, Va., May 6 .- A vouched for story from Gates county, N. C., says a blacksnake nearly ten feet long swallowed fourteen eggs, which it took from under a setting hen. The snake was killed, the eggs were replaced under the hen and in due time each egg hatched.

VISIT THE WORLD'S FAIR RABLY.

The Pennsylvania Ralirond's first great cone excursion May to presents an opportunity to see it Fair at a pleasant season and fresh from the hand of its creators. Only \$20.00 for the round trip from New York.—Ade. A Sunday Magazine in Colored Covers and a great new spaper - all for ie. Don't order next Sunday's Tribune. - Adv.

CAN MUST TURN IN TO HELP. Vice-Chairman Needed for the Eastern Headquarters and Timothy L. Woodruff Thought to Be the Man to Fill the Bill-Payne to Run the Western End.

Senator Platt's statement, printed yes erday morning, that Cornelius N. Bliss would not be chairman of the Republican national committee, was considered by some Republicans to mean that Senator Platt was opposed to Mr. Bliss's selection to this important post. Senator Platt said yesterday that such a construction was a misinterpretation of his remarks.

It was learned from indubitable auhority that President Roosevelt greatly lesires Mr. Bliss to take the place, and that Mr. Bliss, always ready to help the Republican cause, has not demurred to the President's request in this matter. But Mr. Bliss, it was added, would like to be assured, if he takes the place, that he is to have sturdy and valuable assistance. Mr. Bliss, it was asserted, believes that the office of Republican national chairman s becoming more and more important

each campaign.
It was said that if Mr. Bliss is finally made Republican National chairman, Post master-General Henry C. Payne is to resign his place in the Cabinet and is to have charge of Republican campaign headquarters in Chicago. If this programme concerning the campaign is carried out, George B. Cortelyou, at present Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, will be made Postmaster-General, and James R. Garfield, at present Commissioner of the Bureau of Corporations in the Department, will be made Secretary of the

The present hitch in the Republican national chairmanship, it is understood grows out of the selection of a vice-chair man who is to be Mr. Bliss's right hand man, in the management of the New York or Eastern headquarters of the national committee. Mr. Bliss is said not to be in very robust health, yet he has not any organic trouble and could readily go through a campaign. But Mr. Bliss's friends went on to declare yesterday that he ought to have a young Republican at his elbow who could take off the great brunt of the work; and the report was to the effect that eminent Republicans would like to have Timothy L. Woodruff accep this place, which would be known as that of vice-chairman of the Eastern head-

Another report was to the effect that Mr Woodruff may be made Republican national committeeman for the State, to succeed George R. Sheldon. Yet Gov. Odell has all along, it was understood, desired the election of William C. Warren of Buffalo.

It was evident, from all that could be learned last night, that there is no friction over the selection of Mr. Bless to be Be-publican national chairman, but that there must be some sort of an arrangement which will give him the assistance be believes to be necessary. While there would not be very much trouble over the selection of a hairman for the Western headquarters, it was the opinion that if it was determined to make Mr. Woodruff vice-chair man of the Eastern headquarters, Gov. framed and placed in the second of the occasion.

GORMAN, HE ISN'T MEDDLING. Here, but on Private Business, Not to Mix in Democratic Troubles.

Senator Gorman made it very clear in conversation at the Fifth Avenue Hote ast night that his visit to New York city at this time had nothing whatever to do with politics, local, State or national.

Senator Gorman went on to say that he would remain in town until Monday, that he had his family with him, and that he was awaiting the return from Europe of his daughter. The Senator also said that he had not seen Leader Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall, that he had no engage ment with Mr. Murphy, and neither had he any engagement with Col. James M. Guffy, Democratic national committeeman for Pennsylvania, should Mr. Guffy see fit to

come to town at this time. The Senator's friends, speaking about the reports that he was to discuss the Democratic situation in the State of New York said that "You shouldn't try to teach your grandmother to lap 'lasses," meaning that grandmother to lap 'lasses,' meaning that Senator Gorman was too old a Democratic engineer to attempt to meddle in a situation which already has provoked endless discus-sion and which promises even up to the time that the Democratic convention assembles

that the Democratic convention assembles in St. Louis to be fraught with more or less bitterness.

Senator Gorman said that he did not know whether he would go to St. Louis as a delegate or not. He has not attended the last two conventions of his party, but was represented by H. Victor Baughan.

sented by H. Victor Baughan.

Late resterday afternoon August Belmont called at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to see Senator Gorman, but the Senator was downtown talking with his friends in the business world. Mr. Belmont didn't wait for his return, but left his card for the Maryland states and

#### WATTERSON WINS GOV. BECKHAM Latter Said to Be Willing to Advocate Nemination of Parker.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 6 .- Upon the au hority of the Louisville Herald (Rep.) it is stated that Gov. Beckham has agreed to throw over the Bryan-Hearst combination and be a delegate at large to the St Louis convention with Senators McCreary and Blackburn and Congressman David H. Smith, who have expressed preference

The action of Gov. Beckham is said to have occurred at a meeting between Henry Watterson, editor of the Courier-Journal and Gov. Beckham, held in the office of W. B. Haldeman, editor of the Evening Times. It is said that Gov. Beckham, Mr Watterson and Mayor Grainger will seek to control the Democratic State central committee, and that Gov. Beckham agreed to favor an uninstructed delegation to St.

Louis.

The Democratic State executive committee at Lexington to-day decided to hold the State convention in Louisville on

Would Stop Passes to Texas Legislators. CUERO, Tex., May 6 .- J. D. Lewright, of this place, a stockholder of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad Company, to-day filed injunction proceedings in the District Court here to enjoin that company from issuing free passes to members of the Texas Legislature, district Judges and other public officers. He alleges in his suit that if the road did not give free passes its net earnings would show a material increase.

J. J. HILL TO GIVE \$1,500,000 Toward the New \$8,000,000 Cathelle Cathedral in St. Paul.

BUT A STOUT YOUNG REPUBLI-ST. PAUL, May 8 .- President James J Hill of the Great Northern Railroad will supplement his many gifts to the Roman Catholic Church by a donation of \$1,500,000 given jointly by himself and Mrs. Hill toward the erection of the new \$3,000,000 Cathedral in which two of the wealthicst of St. Paul parishes will join. This announcement was made to-day by members of the clergy. The remaining \$1,500,-000 will be subscribed by wealthy citisens.

The Cathedral will be the most costly edifice in the West and will crown a height on St. Anthony Hill'in the centre of the Garrison Said to Be Prenared for aristocratic residence district. It will be only a few hundred yards from President Hill's immense palace. Its construction will begin this summer.

Mrs. James J. Hill's gift a few years ago enabled the Catholic Church to build the \$750,000 seminary for students for the priesthood at Groveland Park.

BATTLE WITH TIBETANS. British Repulse an Attack, Infleting Heavy Loss.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 7 .- A despatch to the Daily Mail from Simla says that 800 Tibetans attacked the British mission at Gyangtse at dawn on Thursday. They were repulsed with heavy loss and fled. The British had two wounded.

### MISS GOULD THANKS GEN. BELL For Not Taking Champagne at Gov. Poa-

body's Reception. DENVER, May 6 .- Gen. Sherman Bell of the Governor's staff, who escorted Miss Helen M. Gould at the reception given by Gov. Peabody in St. Louis last Monday, has received a letter from Miss Gould, in which she says:

"I cannot refrain from sending you s few lines to tell you what a comfort it was to me last night that you did not take champagne, for one feels rather off in refusing when almost every one takes it. And am also sincerely glad that this is your usual custom and was not simply an act of courtesy to a lady."

ALICE ROOSEVELT'S CHOICE.

selects Miss Noone to Represent Her s Queen of the May in Elwood. INDIANAPOLIS, May 6.—Miss Alice Room Indianapous, May 8.—Miss Alice Rosseveit, daughter of the President, is to be portrayed as a May queen at the celebration of a percohial school in Etwood, and some of the pupils recently wrote to her submitting a list of names of young women and their photographs, saking her to estect one of them as her representative.

A reply to the letter was received to-day, and Miss Rossoveit's photograph accompanied it. She indicated that she wavery much pleased with the appearance of Miss Mary Noore, and said she would make a charming May queen. Miss Noore

make a charming May queen. Miss Noon was promptly accepted by the school and will appear at the exercises as the repre sentative of the President's daughter. Miss Roosevelt's photograph will be framed and placed in the school room as

FAIRBANKS HERE, SILENT

Except to Say That He Knows of No Plan to Nominate Him With Roosevelt. Senator Fairbanks was here yesterday The Senator was seen last night at the Waldorf-Astoria, where he is staying, but

he refused to talk politics. When Senator Platt got back from Washington on Thursday he intimated that Senator Fairbanks might be induced to accept the Republican nomination for Vice-Presi dent. Mr. Fairbanks himself refused last light to say whether he would or not.

He did say that he knew nothing about any plan to nominate him for the Viceresidency, and added that he was here on personal business and would not reply to

any questions relating to politics. RESCUED WOMAN AND CHILD. Their House Fell Into Mine Cave-in-Taker

Out Through the Roof. HAZLETON, Pa., May 6 .- After remaining for an hour in momentary danger of death Mrs. Albert Gusher and her two-year-old daughter were extracated from a mine cave-in by neighbors to-day.

The Gushers live in Highland, a mining town a short distance from here and adjecent to the Markle collieries. This afternoon the rear of the Gusher house dropped fifteen feet into a mine hole.

Mrs. Gusher's cries were answered by the whole town and a rescue party was organized. Although the earth was still sinking, half a dozen men descended and cutting a hole through the roof of the house, extricated the woman and her child.

CHARGES THAT SON IS INSANE. Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews Tries to

Check His Boy's Sad Career. LINCOLN, Neb., May 6.—A complaint alleging insanity was filed to-day before the Lancaster County Insanity Commission by E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the Nebraska University, against his son, Guy A., 30 years old. It is said that the desire of the young man to commit petty

thefts has become a mania. He has been missing for three weeks, and it was learned to-day that he has been in hiding part of the time in an obscure hotel in the city. Fearing that harm might come to the young man, his father reluctantly filed the insanity complaint. The Sheriff to-night had not yet been able to serve his warrant. serve his warrant.

debate with Princeton to-night in Sander's Theatre, scoring her tenth victory in twelve years. The question discussed was "Resolved, That laws be passed compelling the management of a business undertaking which secures control of an industry to sell its product at reasonable rates." Harvard upheld the negative.

CAMBRIDGE, May 6 .- Harvard won the

Harvard Wins Debate With Princeton.

Winston Churchill a Candidate. NASHUA, N. H. May 6.-The delegates from New Hampshire to the Republican national convention have been agreed upon, with the exception of those of the Second district, which includes this city.
Winston Churchill, the author, is one of the
candidates for the place. The convention
will be held May 16.

A Handsome Magazine in Colors given away with the New York Sunday Tr More Italians in N. Y. than Vegice. Read what social workers and Italian-American writers cay. "Charities," 10c. 105 E. 22d St.—Acc.

## JAP ARMY LANDS.

## Port Arthur Gut Off From the Rear—Harbor Blocked.

## RUSSIANS MAKE NO FIGHT.

# a Long Siege.

Army of 80,000 Wades Askers From Japanese Transports-New Movins Acres the Penincula-Last Train From Port Arthur Yesterday Fired On-Bussians Charge That the Enemy Issuered the Red Cross Flags-Russians Will Try to Check Gen. Kurekl's Advance in Manchuria at Fengwangcheng.

Special Cable Despatches to Tan Sur

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6 .- Gen. Pflug, Admiral Alexieff's Chief of Staff, telegraphs that forty Japanese transports appeared on Wednesday opposite Pitsewe. on the east coast, and eighty miles from Port Arthur. The next morning they began to land troops at Pitsewo and Cape Terminal, supported by artillery fire. Then about sixty transports were seen bearing down on the whole front. The

Russian posts retired from the shore. The documents in the Pitsewo post office were removed, and the Russian residents left. According to Chinese reports, 10,000
Japanese landed by evening. The whole force probably consists of 30,000 men. They sent two columns, each consisting of about a regiment, one westerly and the other in a southwesterly direction.

A passenger train which left Port Arthur to-day was fusilladed near Passage some maps Polandien) by a hundred sepaness infantry, who cocupied a cast of the railway. The train on many peasengers and about 200 sick, who eccupied ambulance cars, carrying the Red Cross flag. Two invalids were shot in the legs. The train ran at high speed and reached Pulantin, which is just w

of Pitse wo. CHANNEL BLOCKED. The correspondent of THE SUN has reseived confirmation of the reports of the closing of the harbor at Port Arthur. He learns that the Russians found the entrance practically blocked after Monday's fight.

Admiral Alexieff and his staff and Grand Duke Boris took a train for Mukden before the Japanese seized the railway.

EXPECT CARRISON TO ROLD OUT. The military authorities here profess to be little affected by the cutting off of Port Arthur. They do not believe that the Japanese will attempt to storm the place, they well knowing the strength of the works. They say the town is victualled for a year, and is impregnable by sea or land. They also say that the non-resistance to the Japanese landing was in accordance with the plans of Gen. Kouropatkin, who

provided for such a contingency. The Maritime Province and Yingkow

are tranquil. Various estimates are made of the strength of the garrison at Port Arthur. It is believed that a large part of it has been withdrawn, but it is said that Gen. Stoessel still commands more than 20,000 troops, while 15,000 seamen from the fleet are available for assisting in the defence. It is not expected that anything will be heard from the beleaguered fortress henceforth until Gen. Kouropatkin has accomplished his designs. Meanwhile patience should be

exercised. This optimism is not shared outside of military quarters. It is recognized that the newly landed Japanese army is a serious menace to Gen. Kouropatkin's right fank and makes it difficult for him to operate against Gen. Kuroki's advance on Feng-

wangcheng. No reliable news of fighting there has yet been received. It is stated that large reenforcements have reached the Russian position. It is also maintained that the Japanese have halted on their merch,

delaying their attack. TOKIO BRIJEVES PLACE WILL BE CAPTURED Tokio, May 6 .- A number of correspondents visited military headquarters to and asked Gen. Fukushima for details of the landing of Japanese troops on the Liaotung peninsula. He smiled and told the newspaper men that he could not tell about the details. The latter then asked the direction of the movement, and whence the troops were arriving. Gen. Fukushima smiled again and replied: "Out of the

skies." The belief that Port Arthur and Dalny are completely isolated causes universal rejoicing, but no surprise. The capture of Port Arthur is confidently expected.

The Japanese successes on land are reported to have created a deep impression on the Coreans, who had believed the Bussian Army unconquerable.

THERE MAY BE 60,000 INVADERS. LONDON, May 7 .- There is little that can be added to the official despatches. There is no authoritative statement of the strength of the Japanese forces that have landed in Manchuria. One who professes to be informed places the number at more than ec,000. The name of the commander of the invading force is not given, and the disposition of the troops is, of course, not divulged. There is no mention of